

2021 in partnership with hundreds of businesses and nonprofit organizations.

During her free time, Ms. Beyda enjoys hiking with her family, being in nature, and practices yoga as often as possible.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nancy Beyda.

SUPPORTING UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a critical issue facing women's health that is often misunderstood, grossly underfunded, and has significant ripple effects on a woman's physical and mental health. This condition is uterine fibroids: noncancerous growths in the uterus that can cause severe bleeding, body pain, infertility and miscarriages, and several other consequences.

Uterine fibroids affect 70 percent of White women and 80 percent of Black women in the U.S. during their lifetime. Each year, over 200,000 women undergo hysterectomies for uterine fibroids, with Black women twice as likely to undergo this treatment to alleviate symptoms. We need to do more for these women. Other treatments exist, and we cannot allow a lack of awareness to put women through an unnecessary, lifechanging operation. We do not need to deprive women of their right to have children, to instruct them to sit home for six weeks and recover from such an invasive procedure, to put them at risk of complications.

More must be done to research uterine fibroids, educate health care professionals, and raise awareness for patients. I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 2007, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act of 2021, as it would expand and coordinate uterine fibroid research at NIH and direct HHS to issue an awareness campaign and research Medicaid coverage of uterine fibroids. We are in Women's Health Month. In this Month, we reflect upon the important women in our lives, and how medical research must better represent them. I am proud to support the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act of 2021 and urge my colleagues to join me. This condition cannot wait, women suffering with this condition cannot wait, and this bill cannot wait.

HONORING THOMAS PETERS, PH.D.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Thomas Peters, Ph.D. upon his retirement from Marin Community Foundation as its intrepid president and chief executive officer for nearly a quarter of a century and for a lifetime of extraordinary public service.

Dr. Peters graduated from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in medicine, psy-

chology, and genetics. In 1974, he was hired by the San Francisco Public Health Department to manage a team of healthcare workers providing physical and mental care to both victims and perpetrators of crime. Within 7 years, he was promoted to Chief of Staff and tasked to navigate the unprecedented HIV/AIDS epidemic gripping San Francisco. In 1991, after a lengthy tenure as Chief of Staff for the San Francisco Public Health Department, Dr. Peters was selected to serve as the director of Marin County's Department of Health and Human Services before joining the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) in 1998.

Throughout his time with MCF, Dr. Peters demonstrated impeccable leadership, establishing MCF as one of the largest community foundations in the country with an exceptional reputation for its mission-driven value alignment. Under his leadership, the foundation increased its assets from approximately \$900 million to more than \$3 billion and distributed over \$2 billion in grants to support early education through college, affordable housing, and environmental stewardship. Dr. Peters accomplished this by attracting an unprecedented number of new donors and starting a donor-advised funds program, while also reshaping the governance structure and refocusing the Foundation's priorities to address Marin County's profound income and educational inequities. While focusing on big issues, Dr. Peters also led in a manner that both promoted and supported local and innovative solutions from grassroots community groups and nonprofits. His unwavering commitment to social justice provided both voice and philanthropic giving to underserved and disenfranchised communities in Marin County, as well as models for philanthropic organizations to follow throughout the region, state, and Nation.

Always one to respond to a crisis, Dr. Peters rounded out his legacy during the COVID-19 pandemic, directing the Foundation to provide critical relief for Marin in the form of millions in nonprofit grant funding, PPE for local healthcare facilities, and rental assistance in partnership with Marin County.

Over the decades we developed a close bond, and my staff and I had the good fortune to experience Dr. Peters' maverick problem-solving talents firsthand, evoking the spirit of Congressman John Lewis to collaborate, or as we liked to say, get in "good trouble" to tackle issues like gun violence prevention and NIMBYism. Among many special memories is our work in 2012 to help save China Camp State Park from closure. With the support of the Foundation and my successful legislation to keep state parks open, the local nonprofit Friends of China Camp now operates China Camp State Park.

Dr. Peters has delivered on the mission of Marin Community Foundation to improve the human condition, embrace diversity, promote a humane and democratic society, and enhance the community's quality of life, now and for future generations. He has been the moral compass for the Foundation and Marin County for decades and retires with a legacy that will serve us for many years to come. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Dr. Peters for his extraordinary generosity of spirit, unwavering integrity, and innumerable contributions to improving the human condition, and extending to him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes on his next endeavors.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN LAWRENCE "REX" CARNEY FOR HIS BRAVE SERVICE THROUGHOUT WORLD WAR II

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army veteran Lawrence "Rex" Carney as he posthumously is awarded the New York State Senate Liberty Medal.

Rex was born on October 27, 1918 in Stillwater, New York. After graduating from Stillwater High School, Rex went on to play semi-professional basketball and baseball. In July of 1941, Rex was sworn into the United States Army at Fort Jay, Governor's Island in New York City. After completing basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Rex was assigned as a gunner in an Anti-aircraft Artillery regiment in North Carolina. Following the Pearl Harbor attacks, Rex was transferred to Hawaii, where he attended Ranger Combat School. After completion of his training, Rex was promoted to an instructor at the Unit Jungle Training Center.

Rex's unit, the 867th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapon Battalion, was sent to the Mariana Islands in anticipation of a Japanese invasion. Following the end of hostilities with Japan, after the dropping of the Atomic Bombs, Rex returned to Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged on September 1, 1945. After his service, Rex worked as a pipe fitter at the Steamfitters and Plumbers Local No. 105 in Schenectady until his retirement in 1983. He was a passionate advocate for veterans and a member of the American Legion Post 490 as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6328.

For his honorable and brave service, Rex Carney was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Rex Carney for his service, and I am proud to honor his legacy of defending American freedom and democracy as he is awarded the New York State Senate Liberty Medal.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH CISLOWSKI—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Ruth Cislowski of West Hollywood, California.

Ms. Cislowski received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University in Ohio, her Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California (USC), and her Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service